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Plan Year-Round Glenn Community Center Program

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By BARBARA BRUGNAUX
Tribune Staff Writer

A year-round recreation program for all age groups will be the goal of the Glenn Community Center, now that the Vigo County School Corp. has granted the go-ahead, county park Supt. David V. Beres said Tuesday, noting that the center will be a first for his department.

Although the county park board announced its intention to lease the former Glenn Junior High School last June, negotiations were only concluded Monday night when the VCSC board approved a motion to give the approximately seven-acre site to the county park department.

Previously discussed had been 25 and 99 year leases where the park board would pay $1 a year for the property. Under the accepted proposal, the site has been deeded to the county park system with the only condition being a revisionary clause which requires that the property revert back to the school corporation should it cease to function as a recreation site.

Funding for the project will come from both county and state treasuries. The Vigo County Council has appropriated $18,000 for the park department's extra help recreation fund which will finance program directors for the Glenn center, plus $8,000 for recreation equipment and $2,000 for bleachers.

Major funding for renovation will come from the Indiana State Bureau of Outdoor Recreation which, Beres says hopefully, will finance construction of two lighted ball diamonds and extensive landscaping. A figure of $25,000 has been mentioned as the proposed cost of that work.

As for the program itself, Beres expects the center to be used by all age groups from pre-school to senior citizens.

In addition to the ball diamonds outside, Beres explained that plans call for a large, innovative playground, tennis courts that can be flooded for ice skating and hockey, shuffle board courts and a senior citizen area.

Inside, the park superintendent detailed, there will be a supervised child-care center, one area devoted to teens, and other rooms used for handicraft and club meeting rooms.

Both the cafeteria and the gymnasium will be focal points for the recreation program, according to current plans, with the cafeteria used for luncheon and dinner meetings, and the gymnasium used for industrial and church league basketball games.

Beres also explained that although two buildings occupy the eastern Vigo County site, the recreation center will utilize only the newer building, a two-story structure constructed in 1927. The other building was opened in 1912.

Citizen cooperation will be a cornerstone of the center's success said Beres. A community council for overall administration, and a teen council to plan that group's activities have been mentioned as methods of ensuring community support. Volunteer supervisors and teachers for some of the ac-

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE PERSONNEL PLAN PARTY

The Vigo County School Corporation food service personnel will have a Christmas party Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Adami's Restaurant.

Managers of school cafeterias have been asked to turn in money and reservations to Mrs. Betty Bailey by Friday. Each person is asked to bring a dollar grab bag gift to the party.

Members of the food service executive board will meet at the home of Mrs. Pearl Plew, 236 S. McIllory Ave. in West Terre Haute, Dec. 18 for a holiday party. Following the 6:30 p.m. dinner, there will be a dollar gift exchange.

TAX EVASION CHARGE DISMISSED AGAINST JUDGE

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Charges of tax evasion against Vermillion Circuit Judge James F. Gallagher of Newport have been dismissed in U.S. District Court here.

Gallagher ran for the judgeship while under indictment in 1968. He was charged with filing fraudulent federal income tax returns for 1961-63.

Federal Judge S. Hugh Dillin dismissed the charges Monday after ruling that Gallagher was not responsible for his actions — because of alcoholism — when he gave Internal Revenue Service agents incriminating evidence.

HAM SUPPER

The Bridgeton Volunteer Fire Department will serve a turkey and ham supper, Dec. 2, from 5-8 p.m. at the fire house. Everyone in welcome.

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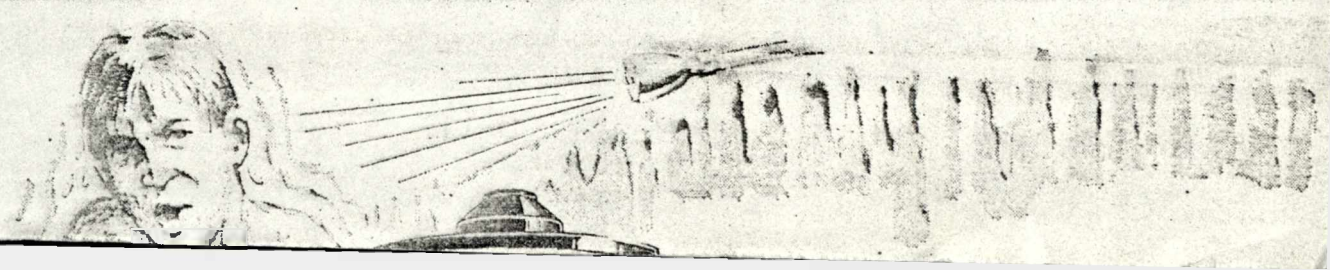

Vigo Park Dept. to Lease Glenn Junior High School

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Glenn Junior High School, an educational facility from 1912 until June 2 of this year, will continue to ring with the shouts of children if a proposed agreement between the Vigo County School Corp. and the Vigo County Park and Recreation Department becomes reality.

Through that agreement, the park department will lease the school for 99 years at $1 a year to provide the county with its first community recreation center.

Announcement of the proposal was made by VCSC Supt. C. Kenneth Cottom, who explained that the matter has been under consideration by both boards for some time although there has been no public discussion until now.

Two buildings occupy the approximately seven acre Glenn site in eastern Vigo County on U.S. 40. The community center would utilize the newer building, a two-story structure built in 1927 and featuring a gymnasium.

Park Supt. David V. Beres, who has been actively promoting the community center concept, says a name for the center is still up in the air, but plans are under development for a 12 month recreation program for every age group.

Calling the proposal a major undertaking for his department, Beres explained that 100 park departments throughout the country are being queried about their community recreation programs, but said that program ideas will not be the problem.

"Our real need when the center is opened will be for volunteers," the superintendent said. "Since theire is no provision for for a center director in the current budget and very little money for the program itself, success for the first several months will depend on volunteer effort."

Beres said that the center will open as soon as possible after the agreement is completed. Details of the lease are in attorneys' hands now, he added.

Basketball, baseball, and softball leagues will be a few of the activities organized at the Glenn Center. Handicrafts and club meetings will be conducted in the various classrooms.

An advisory council composed of citizens of the Glenn area will aid in development of further programs, a feature Beres points to as demonstrating the community's interest.

"Although the center will be open to all Vigo County residents, the direct involvement of the people from the area will be necessary to make this a true community center. We are anxious to incorporate both their ideas and their efforts with the plans as they presently stand," he explained.

"It's a major undertaking for this department, and a first," Beres assessed, "but it's a good one. With the cooperation of the school corporation, and funding from the county council, we should be assured of a top flight, year-round recreation program."

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Glenn Parents Enthusiastic Over Center

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An enthusiastic and curious crowd of about 50 East Glenn and Seelyville residents gathered at the Glenn Community Center Wednesday evening to hear proposed plans for the year-round recreation program, ask questions and offer suggestions.

Fielding questions were Vigo County Park and Recreation Department Acting Supt. Keith Ruble and Recreation Director Ron Smith who explained that Wednesday's meeting was designed with two purposes, to introduce community residents to the center and to seek volunteers for the Glenn Recreation Committee which will eventually be the program-planning body for the center.

A recurrent theme was evident in both Ruble's and Smith's remarks, with the importance of

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community input highly emphasized.

Terre Haute Boys' Club Director Max Jones, an East Glenn resident, publicly thanked the park department for its open invitation to the community, noting that many eastern Vigo County citizens were curious about the activities at the former Glenn Junior High School and appreciated the opportunity to participate in planning for the recreation center.

The audience, which finally gathered in the second floor hall after the library was filled to capacity, didn't hesitate to accept the invitation either, peppering Ruble and Smith with questions and offers of cooperation for about an hour.

The questions included such items as—Is the facility only for children's activities? Will the center utilize the older school building on the same grounds? Will there be any food service? What kind of supervision will be provided? Can adults use the facility in the daytime for meetings?

Several adults said they had been under the misconception the center would only be for children and attended the meeting as interested parents, rather than possible participants. They were assured by the park department representatives that the recreation center would, hopefully, provide activities for all age-groups.

In reply to the supervision question, Acting Supt. Ruble explained that a staff of five would be available at all times the center was open, with five part-time salaried employes and Indiana State University senior park and recreation majors composing the staff.

In addition, Ruble noted, various workshops and special classes may be offered but those classes might necessitate a tuition fee of some kind to compensate teacher and material costs.

Other than those costs, however, he stressed that use of the center and its facilities would be free at all times.

Although use of the older other school building is not planned at this time, Ruble answered that question, there is a possibility that the first floor will be opened eventually, since response to the facility has been so great and threatens to overrun the one building. Ruble added that activities in the second building might be limited to classes in woodworking and upholstery.

Presently, the center will be open from 3:30 to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and closed Sundays, Smith explained, but requests from adult clubs to hold meetings at the center in the daytime can be accommodated. Any group which would like to reserve a meeting room can call the county park department this week to make arrangements. By next week, he added, a secretary will be in the Glenn office to handle such requests.

Among suggestions made were to hold an open house so children and parents can see what facilities are planned and a comment from one man who said that many people would probably be willing to contribute funds in order to support center activities.

The open house suggestion will probably be incorporated into a previously planned registration night, Ruble replied. He explained that the staff is planning a series of such registration nights the week of Jan. 22 in order to establish mailing lists and to complete a survey of recreation interests.

The center, which was opened over the Christmas holidays with a tentative schedule, was leased to the park department by the Vigo County School Corp. Nov. 28. Plans call for both summer and winter programs, with program funding provided by the Vigo County Council and renovation funding to come from the Indiana State Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

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Glenn Center Schedule of Activities

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An abbreviated schedule of activities at the Glen Recreation Center has been announced for the week of Jan. 15 by Director Ron Smith.

Smith explained that the schedule has been curtailed to allow staff members more time to plan details of the center's official opening and registration nights the week of Jan. 22.

According to Smith, the week's activities will be confined to the gymnasium and gameroom (ping-pong and pool). pool).

On Monday, the center will be open from 4 to 8 p.m., with the gymnasium reserved for the boys' league. The men's league is set for Tuesday when the center will be open from 6:30 to 10 p.m., and ladies' night will be observed Wednesday with the facility open from 4 to 8 p.m.

Men will have an opportunity to use the center Thursday from 6 to 9:30 p.m., while the gymnasium will be open to all-comers on Friday from 4 to 9:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The first of proposed workshops and classes at the center will be offered beginning Monday.

The class of five two-hour yoga lessons will be taught by Bernice Ellis from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for five consecutive Mondays. Fee for the course will be $15 and interested participants are asked to attend the class early on Monday for registration.

Glenn Recreation Center is sponsored by the Vigo County Park and Recreation Department.

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—"I may disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."—Voltaire.

Parks + Recreation (Vigo Co.)

Glenn Community Center Shows Much Promise

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The Vigo County Park and Recreation Department is getting a warm reception from Eastern Vigo County residents who are taking advantage of the opportunity to participate in the plannning for the proposed year-round recreation program at the Glenn Community Center.

The center, which was opened over Christmas holidays with a tentative Monday through Saturday schedule, holds much promise.

Preliminary plans call for summer and winter programs, with program funding provided by the Vigo County Council and funding for needed renovation coming from the Indiana State Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

Park department representatives say the recreation center hopefully will provide activities for all age groups on a year-round basis.

The former Glenn Junior High School, which was made available to the park department as a community center by the Vigo County School Corp. (VCSC), looks like an ideal facility for many activities. Adult and youth organizations already are making plans to meet there.

One key to the center's long-range success is the development of a Glenn Recreation Committee, composed of volunteer residents of the area, to come up with an effective recreation program for the center which area citizens will support.

If The Glenn Community Center is a success, it could spark creation of similar centers in other parts of the county.

We think the Vigo County Park and Recreation Department and residents of the East Glenn area are off to a good start, and we hope the present progress continues.

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Glenn Center Dedication Highlight of Parks Tour

T JAN 23 1973

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Ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the Glenn Recreation Center Feb. 2 will highlight an all-day tour of county park facilities by Vigo Circuit Judge C. Joseph Anderson and members of the Vigo County Council and Board of Commissioners.

Hosting the tour will be the six-member county park board, headed by President Max Miler. Miller said the purpose of the tour, which was first suggested by board member Susan McCarthy, is to familiarize the judge and council members with the department's present facilities and plans for future development.

Also to be invited are Mayor William J. Brighton and members of the recreation committees of various civic organizations that have demonstrated interest in the county park department's recreation policies.

Acting Park Supt. Keith Ruble, who is in charge of the day's details, noted that it was Judge Anderson who suggested the four begin first thing in the morning and continue all day.

According to that plan, Ruble said, the tour's participants will probably meet at a designated point and travel by bus to the first stop on the itinerary, the New Goshen schoolhouse. Believed to be the last two-room schoolhouse in Vigo County, the school was built in 1888 and is in the midst of a renovation project.

Next stop will be the Glenn Recreation Center where Judge Anderson will cut the ribbon officially opening the county's first year-round recreation program.

Formerly Glenn Junior High School, the site on U.S. 40, east of the city, was given to the park department in late November by the Vigo County School Corp. While the dedication ceremony at 10:30 a.m. is expected to be brief, Ruble said that the center will observe open house all day and that residents of the community will be welcome to inspect the facility.

Visitors will also be encouraged to enroll for the classes and workshops to be scheduled at the center during the next few months. Recreation director is Ron Smith, and the staff is composed of senior recreation majors from Indiana State University.

Following Glenn, the tour will proceed to Fowler Park, probably the best known of the department's six facilities. Acquired in 1967, the lake and camping site has been developed into one of the county's most popular parks.

The entourage will then be directed to the as of yet undeveloped Prairie Creek Park. Work on the 100-acre park will begin this spring, although full development awaits federal funding.

The tour will continue to Hunt's Nature Center, 23 acres leased from Dr. Edgar J. Hunt where almost 3,000 county youngsters visited last year.

Finally, the tour will conclude at the Flesher Memorial Woods, a 36-acre site in Prairie Creek Township donated to the county park system by the family of Richard Kermit Flesher.

The park is to be developed as a winter nature center.

As Ruble outlined plans for the tour, he explained that he intendes to have aerial photos of each facility available, along with maps and brochures, to help with the on-site inspections.

Other members of the park board are R. Fox Burns Sr., Boyd Schepper, Everett Spence and John Etling.

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RAINY DEDICATION—Sodden skies didn't eliminate the scheduled dedication of the Glenn Recreation Center Friday, but did cause the ceremony to be moved inside. Taking advantage of a break in the rain to examine a newly-erected sign are Vigo Circuit Judge C. Joseph Anderson, who cut the ribbon officially opening the community recreation center; Acting Park Supt. Keith Ruble, and County Park Board President Max Miller. Following the brief ceremonies, the officials continued with a day-long tour of county park facilities. (Story on Page 9.)
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GLENN RECREATION CENTER

GLENN CENTER DEDICATED—The Vigo County Park Department Friday officially dedicated the recently acquired Glenn Recreation Center. Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were conducted during a day-long tour of county park facilities. Shown left to right during the ceremony are William Cox, Krietenstein American Legion Post 104; Keith Ruble, acting park superintment; Nick Agusta, Post 104; Vigo Circuit Judge C. Joseph Anderson, commissioner Harry P. Brentlinger, commissioner Frank Kaperak, Max Miller, president of the county park board, commissioner John A. Scott (behind Miller) and Art Mann, president of the Vigo County Council. (Photo by Kadel)

Vigo, TH Officials Tour Park, Recreation System

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Vigo County's park and recreation system was inspected by a delegation of governmental officials and community representatives Friday, despite rain and falling temperatures throug' ut the day.

Members of the county park and recreation board served as hosts for the day - long tour, which was designed to acquaint local officials with the current status of the park system and plans for the future.

Participating in the bus tour were Vigo Circuit Judge C. Joseph Anderson, commissioners Harry Brentlinger, Frank Kaperak and John Scott, county council president J. Arthur Mann and various community representatives.

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Park board president Max Miller and acting superintendent Keith Ruble joined other park department employes in outlining the park system and detailing specific goals.

The group began the tour with a visit to the New Goshen School, which is slated for renovation during this year. Constructed in 1888, the structure is a community landmark with several local residents reportedly taking an active interest in the restoration project.

The inspection caravan then moved to the recently acquired Glenn Recreation Center on U.S. 40, where several county officials participated in dedication ceremonies. The facility was acquired from the Vigo County School Corporation in December.

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Open to the public Monday through Saturday, the Glenn center will offer a variety of activities designed for all ages.

Following lunch at the center, the tour traveled to Fowler Park south of Terre Haute for a first-hand look at the 140-acre facility.

Established in 1967, Fowler Park offers swimming, picnicing and camping. The park is the site of Irishman's Covered Bridge, built in 1845 and relocated in the park in 1971.

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Afternoon visits also were made to Prairie Creek Park, Hunt's Nature Center and Deutsch Nature Area and Flesher Memorial Woods before the bus returned to City Hall late in the afternoon.

A new county park superintendent to succeed David Beres is expected to be named later this month by the park board. Beres resigned to assume a similar position in Illinois.

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At Glenn Center

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By WAYNE PERRY

Tribune Staff Writer

Terre Haute can boast a county-wide recreation center with facilities such as an indoor gymnasium, weight-lifting room, games room, several meeting rooms, tennis courts and football and baseball fields.

Unfortunately, too many people are unaware that the center exists. But that problem is quickly being solved as the Glenn Recreation Center obtains a new director with goals in mind and a public to reach.

Ken Buck, a native of Seelyville and a graduate of Indiana State University, has stated, "The goal of the staff at the Glenn Recreation Center is to sell our facilities and activities to the people of Vigo County."

The center was established in December, 1972, at the former Glenn Elementary School on U.S. 40 just east of Terre Haute. The center is open Monday through Friday from 3:30 until 9:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

"Too many people don't realize that the center exists. They aren't aware that we offer free facilities that people of all ages can use," Buck observes.

The center is operated by the Vigo County Park Department. At present a wide variety of programs are under operation at the center. These include industrial basketball tournaments, women's basketball, volleyball, ladies' exercise groups, dog obedience courses, ceramics, arts and crafts, senior citizens' meetings, pre-school tumbling, oil painting, food and nutrition information meetings, church league basketball, weight lifting and table games.

One program in operation, for example, includes a boxing match for youngsters, scheduled for 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7, with the public invited.

"We have many programs under way now, but we could serve many, many more people," Buck stressed.

Plans that Buck and his staff have made would make several future proposals a reality within a short time. Areas being considered for workshops include cheerleading, baton twirling, guitar, bridge, upholdstering, needlepoint, knitting, photography, chess and home repairs.

In addition, a nursery school program for 3- and 4-year-olds is now being discussed.

Talks are also under way which might make the recreation center a site for the West Central Indiana Economic Development District's food program for the elderly.

"We have many ideas for programs that we think residents of the area would enjoy. The staff wants to help people to use their leisure time correctly and constructively," Buck comments.

Indoor facilities at the center include a gymnasium, all-purpose basement, ceramics room, weight-lifting room, senior citizen's meeting room, games room (featuring ping pong and pool) and a boxing room. Outdoor facilities include tennis courts and facilities for football and baseball.

"There is plenty of room at the recreation center to enable everyone in the area to utilize our services," Buck stressed.

The facilities are free. Some specific programs require small fees to cover costs, however.

"Competition in the recreational field is becoming very keen and many other cities are way ahead of Terre Haute in available facilities," Buck states.

He adds that the facilities at the Glenn Recreation Center are good, but that they could be better if there were more community awareness of recreational needs.

"People who might be planning to move to Terre Haute always inspect the schools, churches, and recreational facilities," Buck commented. "And Terre Haute does not have enough recreational programs," he adds.

Obviously, Buck is well qualified to both direct the Glenn Recreation Center and to help Terre Haute move ahead in the area of recreation. He received the B. S. degree in recreation from ISU in 1973 and has served as both a volunteer and a member of the regular staff at the Terre Haute Boys' Club.

Buck also did his internship work in recreation with the Decatur Park District in Illinois.

Assisting Buck are program planners Sharon Swanson and Cecelia McLean, both graduates of ISU in recreation. Serving as games room director will be Andrew Kelly, a sophomore recreation major at ISU.

The gym director is John Hancewicz, another ISU graduate in recreation. Lucia Bridwell, a senior at ISU, works with the ceramics and the arts and crafts areas.

Buck labeled the chief problem encountering the center as the lack of publicity about programs. Running a close second in Buck's worries is vandalism at the center.

"The center can provide an important service to this county, but a lack of respect for public property by a few persons has become both costly and irritating," Buck notes.

"People who are interested in the center for it's recreational value or for its programs that we operate should take the time to visit and see our facilities," Buck observes.

Other information can be obtained by calling the center directly or by contacting the Vigo County Park Department.

GLENN CENTER

Registration for Spring Programs At Glenn Center to Start Feb. 9

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By CAROLYN TOOPS
Tribune Staff Writer

Registration for a variety of spring programs at the Glenn Recreation Center, 6835 Wabash Ave., will be conducted at the Center Feb. 9-15, according to Celia McLean, director at Glenn.

The Sunday registration hours are 1 to 6 p.m.; weekdays, 1 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Glenn Recreation Center is operated by the Vigo County Park and Recreation Department.

Most classes will begin the week of Feb. 16, McLean said, with tennis classes to start in April. Fees must be paid at the first class meeting, with no refunds after the first class. No late registrations will be accepted, although phone registrations will be accepted.

Checks should be made payable to the Glenn Recreation Center. Classes will be limited to 10 to 15, unless otherwise stated, filled on a first come, first served basis. A minimum of eight must register for each class or it will be cancelled, McLean said.

Classes will not be held when schools are closed for holidays or because of bad weather. Make-up classes will be scheduled by the instructor at the convenience of the participants.

Regular hours at Glenn are 1-9:30 p.m., weekdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays, 1 to 6 p.m.

The open gymnasium schedule is as follows:

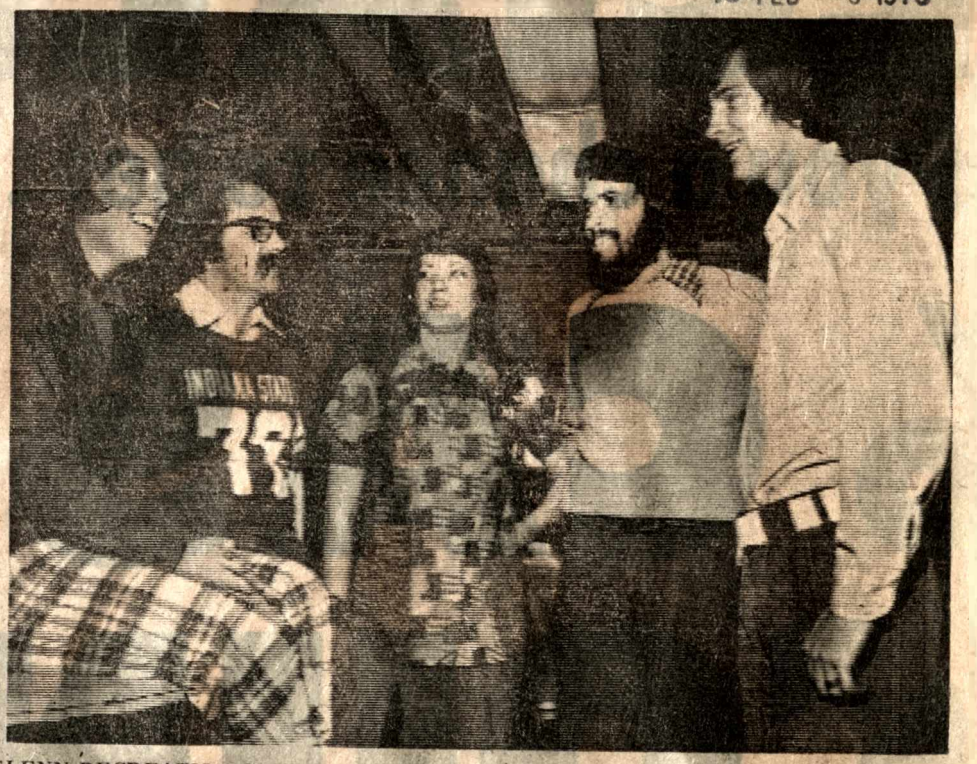
—Monday, 1 to 6:30 p.m.
—Tuesday, 1 to 9 p.m. (after Feb. 25).
—Wednesday, 1 to 6:30 p.m.
—Thursday, 1 to 9 p.m.
—Friday, 1 to 9 p.m.
—Saturday, 2 to 6 p.m.
—Sunday, 1 to 6 p.m.

Open gym hours are subject to change on different evenings throughout the spring. For information on a daily basis, Director McLean suggests calling Glenn Recreation Center.

The gym may also be reserved by different groups or organizations before or after Center hours at no cost. Information may be obtained from the director.

New during the 1974-1975 school year is the Pre-School Program. Applications are presently being accepted for the remainder of the school calendar. Interested parents may contact Director McLean or Sally Campbell at the Center on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings.

Morning programs include oil paintings for the beginner, tennis (details to be announced



GLENN RECREATION CENTER STAFF—From left are Cecilia McLean, director; Russ Lutes, sports director; Linda Snyder, arts and crafts director; Bill Sims, recreation supervisor, and Dike Sullivan, recreation supervisor. Glenn Recreation Center is operated by the Vigo County Park and Recreation Department. Registration for spring programs and activities will be conducted Feb. 9-15. Not pictured is John Hancewicz, assistant director.
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later), ceramics and women's exercise and modern dance.

The tentative schedule is:

—Monday: Oil Painting for the Beginner; Della Bender, instructor; Feb. 17-March 24, 9:15-11:30 a.m., fee $20 (does not include supplies). Class limited to 10.

—Wednesday: Tennis.

—Thursday: Beginning Ceramics; Celia McLean, instructor; Feb. 20-March 20, April 3-24, 10-12 a.m.; fee $5.

—Friday: Women's Exercise and Modern Dance; Sallie Davis, instructor; Feb. 21-March 21, exercise 9:15-10:15 a.m., dance, 10:15-11:15 a.m., fee $3 for each class or $5 for both.

Needlework, crocheting, basic first aid and rifle safety are other classes offered.

Thursday: Needlepoint, learn basic and decorative stitches; Sue Boehler, instructor; Feb. 20-March 20, 7-8 p.m., fee $4 (includes beginning supplies).

—Tuesday: Crocheting, learn patterns; Sue Boehler, instructor; Feb. 18-March 25, 7 to 8 p.m., fee $3.

—Thursday: Basic First Aid (offered by the American Red Cross; a must for everyone); Mrs. Layman, instructor; Feb. 20-March 13; 7-9 p.m.; fee $7 (includes text, notebooks and supplies).

—Tuesdays: Rifle Safety, Feb. 18-March 18; April 1-29; 4-5:30 p.m.; No fee. Regulation for boys and girls ages 8-14. program through Daisy BB guns. An after-school program Following a 10-week course, those participating are qualified to travel to local, state and national meets. John Gilmour, Indiana State Police, is the guest for the first session. Program supervised by Indiana State University recreation volunteers.

Several evening programs in arts and crafts are planned and include oil painting for the adult beginner, macrame, ceramics, (for the adult beginner plus a special class for senior citizens), and pottery, for adults and for kids.

—Monday: Oil Painting for the Adult Beginner (limited to 10); Joan Wild, instructor; Feb. 17-March 24; 6-8:30 p.m.; fee $20 (no supplies included).

—Tuesday: Macrame (learn the secret of special knots); Elizabeth Sagraves, instructor; Feb. 18-March 25; 7-8:30 p.m.; fee $5 (includes beginning supplies).

—Tuesday: Ceramics for the adult beginner (limited to 10); Linda Snyder, instructor; Feb. 18-March 18, April 1-29, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; fee $5.

—Thursday: Ceramics for the Senior Citizen; Celia McLean, instructor; Feb. 20-March 20, April 3-24; 2-4 p.m.; no fee, pay only for pieces made.

—Monday: Ceramics for the kids; instructor to be announced; through April 28; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; no fee, pay only for each piece made.

—Thursday: Pottery for the adult (limited to 5); Linda Snyder, instructor; Feb. 20-March 20, April 3-24; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; fee $5.

—Wednesday: Pottery for the kids (limited to 5); instructor to be announced; through April 30; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; no fee, pay only for each piece made.

Physical activities include special classes in tumbling, tennis (class scheduled for April and May), scooter soccer and basketball.

Connie Newton of the ISU women's gymnastic team will instruct tumbling classes on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Fee is $4.

The Monday schedule runs from Feb. 17-March 17, with classes from 6:30-8 p.m. for pre-school beginners and from 8-9:30 p.m. for elementary beginners.

The Wednesday classes run from Feb. 19-March 19, with pre-school intermediate scheduled from 6:30-8 p.m. and junior high beginners from 8-9:30 p.m.

On Thursdays from Feb. 20-March 20, classes for elementary intermediates will be from 6:30-8 p.m. and from 8-9:30 for junior high intermedaites.

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A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES AT GLENN RECREATION CENTER

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These are just a few of the activities conducted by the Vigo County Park and Recreation Department at Glenn Center, which is open to all the people of Vigo County.

Hours are from 3:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays through Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. The building, the former Glenn School, is leased by the Park Department from the Vigo County School Corporation.

Vigo County Park Superintendent Keith Ruble and the staff at Glenn welcome suggestions for other programs desired by Vigo County residents.

Photos by Martin.

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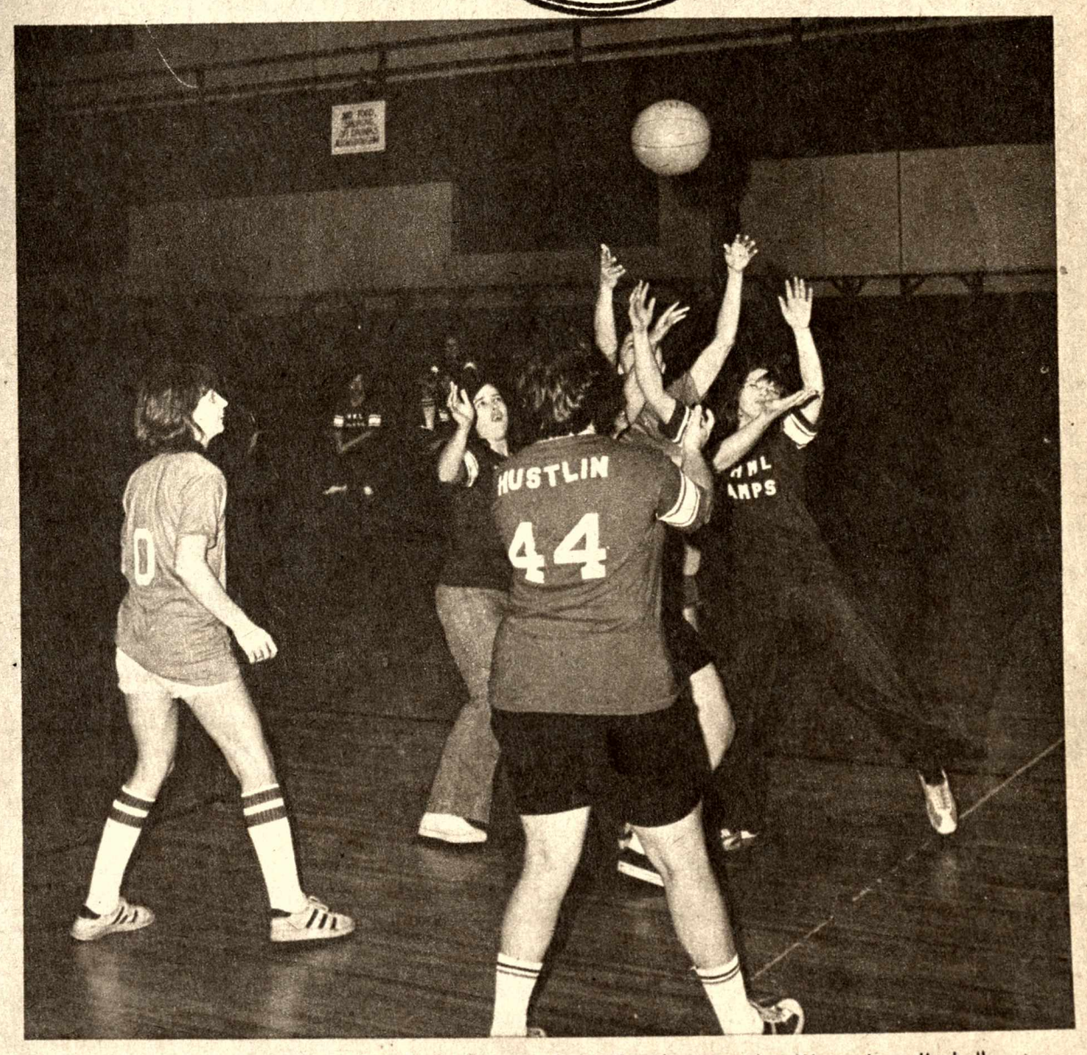
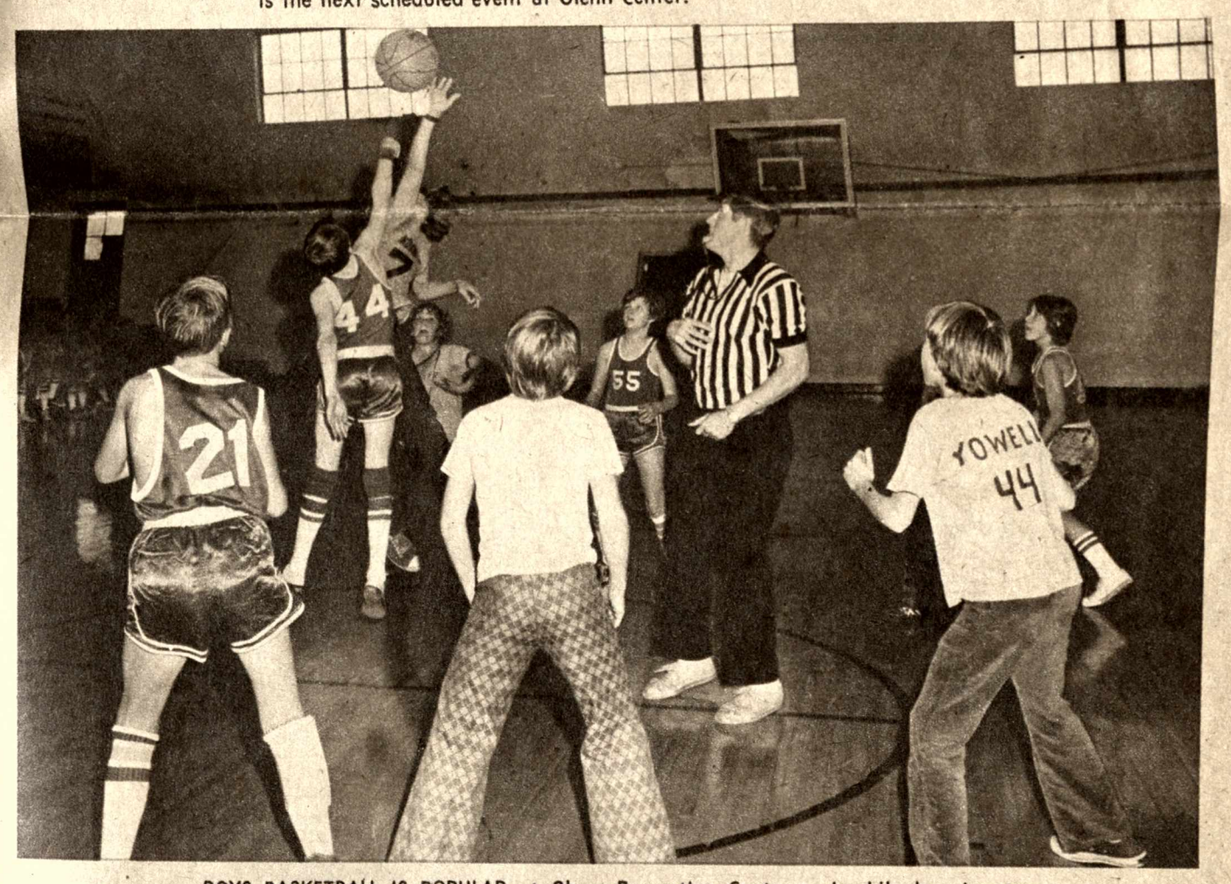
OIL PAINTING CLASS taught by Mrs. Herb (center) has been greeted with great enthusiasm, and requests that another class be conducted again soon.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE — The gals really play to win! Women's volleyball is the next scheduled event at Glenn Center.

A PRESCHOOL GYMNASTICS PROGRAM was held on Saturday mornings with great success. An ISU gymnast, Dave Huson, will instruct future gymnastic activities.



BOYS BASKETBALL IS POPULAR at Glenn Recreation Center and while learning team sportsmanship, physical fitness and body coordination, the kids have a lot of fun.

MEN'S INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE basketball teams compete for trophies while improving their physical fitness.

PET OWNERS took this dog obedience class at the Glenn Recreation Center, with Cindy Hoggat as instructor.

SOME HOLIDAY PARTIES ...

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Glenn Rec Center Has Open House

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An open house is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 9, at the Glenn Recreation Center, 6835 Wabash Ave., to show Vigo County residents what work is being done by the Vigo County Park and Recreation Department in the area of recreation.

All rooms at the center, formerly Glenn Junior High School, will be open. Mothers and instructors involved in the center's preschool program will be serving refreshments and answering any questions about the program. The senior citizens will also be available for questioning.

The craft instructor will be working in the newly organized room, explaining rules and changes in the operation of the room. Also available at the open house will be organizers of the boxing and basketball programs and instructors of oil painting, crocheting and physical fitness classes.

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The open house is being planned by Director Celia McLean, Assistant Director John Na Hancewicz, Crafts Director Beverly Oard and staff members Jim Olds, Bill Sims, Russ Lutes and Dike Sullivan.

In other news coming from the Glenn Recreation Center, the dedication of the newly-lighted ball field will be conducted by Max Miller, president of the Vigo County Park Board, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The ball diamond is being dedicated to Mrs. Helen Taylor, one of the most outstanding women's softball organizers in Indiana. Mrs. Taylor was a general manager for the Burger Chefettes. She managed the team to state championships from 1964 through 1969. She is a member of Terr Haute's Softball Hall of Fame.

A fence is still to be added round the outfield area where nine-fast pitch and 13 slow-pitch teams are bringing the season to a close. Five youth teams also participated this summer. The field was also used by Miss Softball Association two nights a week during the season.

Registration for classes will take place until Saturday Sept. 13, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Classes are scheduled to begin during the week of Sept. 22.

A course in ceramics is scheduled for 10 weeks. There is a fee of $5 which does not include supplies. Beverly Oard will be the instructor of the class which will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each Wednesday.

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Other courses:

Crocheting — six - week session for $4, excluding supplies. Instructor is Sue Boehler. The class meets Mondays from 7 to 8 p.m.

Needlepoint — six-week session for $5 for complete course. Sue Boehler will instruct. The group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Oil Painting — six-week session for $20, excluding supplies. Della Bender will instruct. The class meets from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays.

Fun and Fitness — New class. Offered to all children for the purpose of teaching fundamental motor movements. All exercises are done to music. Classes also teach rhythm and coordination and prepares youngsters for school. Children three months old to three years old will meet from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, three-year-old group 9:30 to 10 a.m. Mondays, four-year-old group, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays and five-year-old group from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Mondays.

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Fun-Fitness after school program — Offers basic movement to pre-gymnastics activities and is all done to music. It is offered from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. Mondays for children between the ages of 6 and 8. Two five-week sessions for $5.

Fun-Fitness for women — the course will run for two five-week sessions and will be offered from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Fridays and 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Tuesdays. Fee is $5.

Instructor for all fitness classes is Patty Sherfick, an Indiana State University graduate. She was a teacher for three years and served as physical education director at the Mansfield YWCA for two years.

Bill Sims will be the instructor for tennis classes. Adult beginners will meet from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays, 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays or 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. An adult intermediate class is being offered from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and a Kids class is scheduled for 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The course is set up for one six-week session. Fee for adults $5 and children $2.

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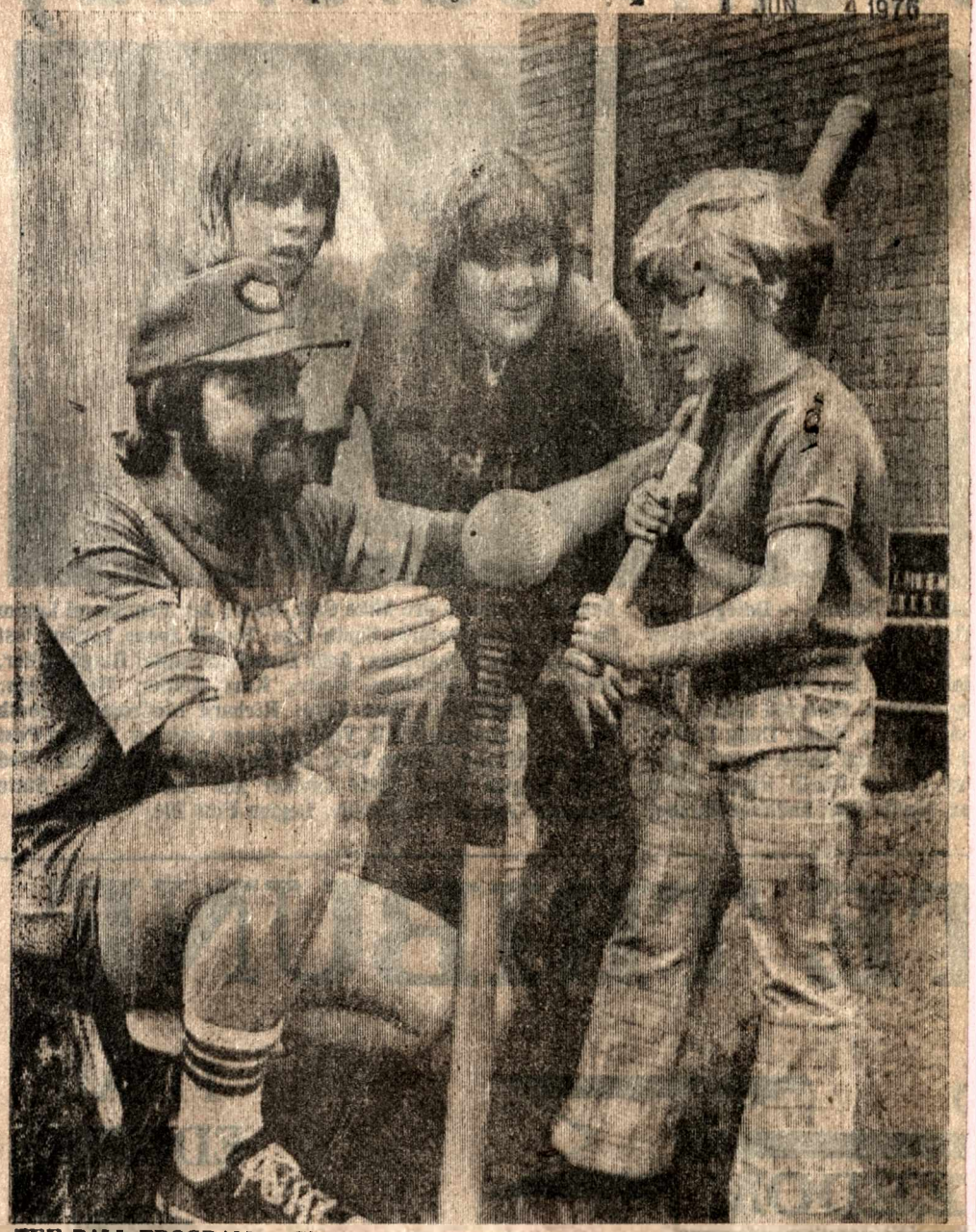

TEE BALL PROGRAM at Glenn Recreation Center for boys and girls ages 5 to 7 will get started next week. Registration is being accepted now by Cella McLean, center director. Russ Lutes is the coach and will be assisted by Derrick Olds and Scott Schoffstall. Eric Hankins, at right, is all set for the first practice session Monday. Practice will be on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. Games will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday. Registration for other summer programs at Glenn will continue through Saturday. Activities include oil painting, summer pre-school, tennis at Glenn and Prairie Creek and jogging. Glenn Recreation Center is operated by the Vigo County Park and Recreation Department.

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Glenn Open House Set

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The Glenn Recreation Center in Seelyville schedules an open house Tuesday, Sept. 7, from 7 until 9 p.m.

The center, operated by the Vigo County Park and Recreation Department, has recently undergone major refurbishing and renovation.

Cecelia McLean, director at the center, reports that the open house will give the public an opportunity to meet the staff and to see the facilities.

Improvements at the center have included dividing the craft room on the first floor so there are ceramic rooms on the main level and rooms craft on the second level, opening two new meeting rooms and rearranging the pre-school room.

Miss McLean notes that free refreshments will be served during the open house and that a double-header slow-pitch softball game will be conducted that evening.

The softball game will feature the Terre Haute Bar Association against WTWO at 6 30 p m and Newton Enterprises against CBS at 8 p m

A tee-ball "All Star Meet" will also be held Tuesday evening

Also during the evening registration for tennis classes will begin. Registration will continue through Sept. 11.

Classes will begin on Tuesday and Thursday, Sept. 14 and 16, and will be conducted from Sept. 14 through Oct. 26 and from Sept. 16 through Oct. 28.

The instructor will be David Thiemann and the fee is $8. Classes will be filled on a first-come first-served basis and are limited to eight persons.

The adult classes will meet on both Tuesday and Thursday from 6 30-7 30 p.m. and from 7 30-8 30 p.m.

Miss McLean points out that registration for other activities at Glenn Center will begin in late September. Included will be adult ceramics, oil painting, tumbling and exercise.

In another area, Miss McLean notes that the West Central Indiana Economic Development District's nutrition program is currently taking a survey to find out if there is a need for the meal program in Lost Creek Township. The survey is being conducted through the Glenn Center and persons with questions concerning the matter should contact the center.

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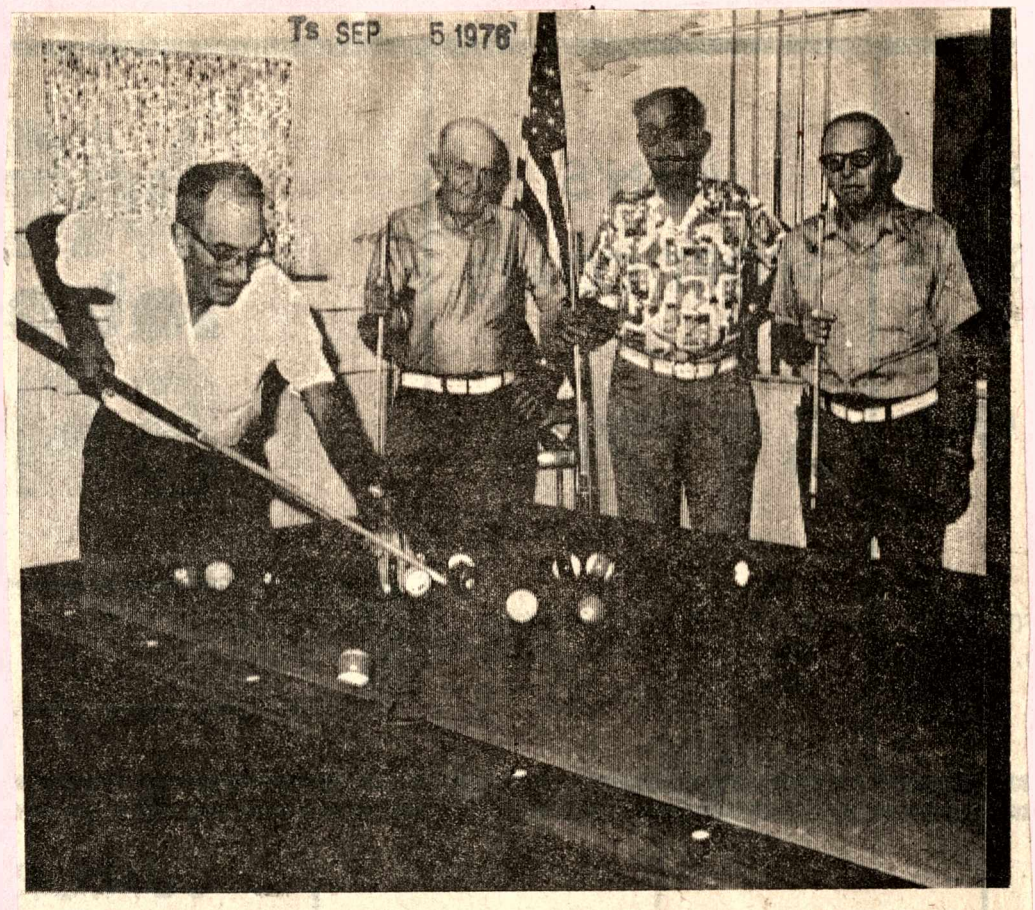

GLENN CENTER PLANS OPEN HOUSE — The Glenn Recreation Center in Seelyville will sponsor an open house on Tuesday, Sept. 7, from 7 until 9 p.m. Various facilities at the center, which is operated by the Vigo County Park and Recreation Department, have been refurbished and renovated. Pictured recently in one of the recreation rooms were several local residents playing a game of pool.

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Parks & Recreation (Vigo Co)

Vigo Park Board to raze Glenn Center buildings

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Schools (Vigo Co)

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By CAROLYN TOOPS
Tribune Staff Writer

The decision of the Vigo County Park and Recreation Board this week to tear down the old school and gymnasium at Glenn Recreation Center was perhaps inevitable, according to Superintendent Keith Ruble.

The county park department has operated the facility, the old Glenn School, since 1973. Ruble commented wryly that "I can understand why the Vigo County School Corporation abandoned it."

"There's been more deterioration every year. We have spent over $11,000 on boiler repairs. The water return system had to be replaced three times. The roof leaks. Windows and frames of the gym are rotting and falling out. It's like a cancer," Ruble commented.

The park department has had to "rob Peter to pay Paul" to keep up with ever-rising maintenance costs, Ruble noted. Also, mounting utility costs are another concern. The Vigo County Commissioners are paying utility bills for county departments and agencies this year and are taking a good, hard look at ways to save, Ruble said.

The decision on the future of Glenn Center was not a hasty one, he noted. The board has discussed the problem for the past several months.

Demolition of the buildings will cost an estimated $40,000. Remodeling would be very expensive, Ruble noted, and operating costs would continue to be high. The board was "tired of spending money on a worn out building and gym," Ruble said.

The vote was 4-1, with Susan McCarthy dissenting. She said she is concerned about the need for such a health and recreation facility as Glenn Center, and welcomes an expression of opinion from the community.

With the old buildings down, emphasis at Glenn Center would be on outdoor activities, according to Chet Burkeybyle, assistant park superintendent. In addition to the playing fields for softball and the tennis courts, plans are being made for croquet, picnic and play areas and better parking, he said.

The Glenn gym has been a popular place for basketball league play, attracting teams from all over the county, not just the immediate area. Agreeing that there is a serious need for places to play basketball, the county park board plans to approach the VCSC concerning the possible future use of facilities at some of the junior high schools in the evenings.

"The taxpayers should have the right to use these places," Ruble stated, adding that "they're frequently not used after 5 or 6 p.m."

He thinks league play could be organized and planned by the county park department and carried out at various schools.

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Group Seeks To Save Glenn Schools

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State Rep. Darrell E. Felling, D-50th Dist., said Thursday the Vigo County Park and Recreation Board of Directors has scheduled a meeting April 24 in the Glenn Recreation Center to discuss the future of the East Glen recreational facility.

Earlier, Felling said he had written county officials asking more time for the board to reconsider its decision to demolish two buildings —the former Glenn high and junior high schools. The buildings were taken over by the park and recreation department several years ago when Glenn Junior High School was discontinued.

County officials announced several days ago it has been decided to raze the buildings in the face of mounting operating and maintenance costs.

Felling noted Glenn Center is the only recreational facility in the extreme eastern part of the county and its loss would be sorely felt by all who make use of the varied facilities, particularly senior citizen-goroups. He said there is a possibility of federal funds for the center as it relates to the elderly.

Felling said he will continue to work with county officials and interested citizens groups in an effort to save at least a part of the center.

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Parks & Recreation (Vigo Co.)

Glenn Center assets, liabilities to be aired

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By CAROLYN TOOPS
Tribune Staff Writer

Vigo Circuit Court Judge has asked the Vigo County Park and Recreation Department to forestall any action on Glenn Recreation Center until users of the center and the Lost Creek Township trustee have had "their day in court after clear and reasonable notice."

Last month the county park board voted 3-1, with one abstention and one member absent. to tear down the old school and gymnasium.

In a letter to Superintendent Keith Ruble and board members Burch Harlan, John Thompson, Fox Burns, John Etling, Max Miller and Susan McCarthy, the judge, who appoints the board, noted that many persons, especially the elderly in Lost Creek Township, are upset by plans to close the center. The Lost Creek trustee has put federal reveune funds at his disposal into the center and has received numerous complaints about the closing, the letter continued.

"You board members are entitled to run the business of the Vigo County parks as you see fit. but as public servants you must be responsible for your actions and you must be able to justify them to the public. I think you will agree to this. I have the same obligation," Judge McQuillan said.

"After you have received their input, or if these people fail to place anything else before you, you would be justified in making a decision commensurate with the facts and the needs of the community," the letter suggested.

"You are all to be commended on the excellent condition and availability of the county parks here in our county. They are much appreciated," the judge's letter concluded.

State Representative Darrell E. Felling of Terre Haute also asked the board to delay any action for 90 days. He said he plans to appeal to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and other agencies to seek help for the center.

The future of Glenn Center will come up for more discussion at the park board's meeting there at 4 p.m. on Monday, April 24. Lost Creek Township Trustee Lloyd Baker said that petitions bearing from 500 to 1,000 names will be presented, asking the board to save the building.

The center is one of the dining sites for the Senior Citizens Nutrition Program. Last year, Baker used about $3,000 from the township's federal revenue sharing funds for Glenn Center. Some went for general repairs and maintenance to help the park department, other for furniture and equipment for the senior citizens' room, and part to put up bleachers on the ball diamond.

About $5,000 may be available this year for the center, Baker said.

Also, it's possible that 75 percent funding for remodeling the senior citizens area may be obtained through the West Central Indiana Economic Development District, according to Jean Cox, director of the Region 7 programs for the elderly.

The board's decision last month to consider demolishing the buildings while continuing the outdoor recreation activities at Glenn Center was based on money or the lack of it, coupled with the rapid deterioration of the buildings and increasing vandalism.

Superintendent Ruble will present additional information to the board on operating expenses of Glenn Center, along with estimates on renovation for several parts of the facility.

The original building was built in the 1890s. The gymnasium was added later, and another section, for showers, is the newest part, and the only part, in the opinion of some, worth saving.

It will cost an estimated $40,000 to renovate the gym, Ruble says. There's an 80 percent heat loss to the ceiling and through the windows. Removing windows would help cut down on vandalism, which has been a constant problem.

Ruble says he and assistant superintendent Chet Burkeybyle are there "to recommend to the park board" what to do about Glenn Center.

Ruble noted that in 1977 $30,000 was budgeted for Glenn Center. Even though it was closed for three months during the winter, it cost $51,000 to keep it going. And that meant taking from other areas, Ruble pointed out.

"We only have one maintenance person there," Ruble said. Many of the necessary repairs, as to the boiler, are highly specialized and expensive, he noted.

If only parts of the buildings are taken down, hidden costs will have to be carefully considered, Ruble said. These include relocating utilities — gas, water and power — and perhaps the septic system.

Demolition of the buildings is estimated at about $40,000. Some funds are available in the non-reverting capital fund. Ruble hopes that this fund will be used to acquire a park area in the northern part of the county, something that's been in the works for several years.

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Hearing Crowd Protests Razing Of Glenn Center

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By M.W. RUSSELL
Star Staff Writer

A boisterous and vociferous crowd gathered Monday afternoon in the Glenn Recreation Center to voice its opposition to a recent decision by the Vigo County Park and Recreation Department to raze the building which has housed the eastside facility.

The Park Board's decision, according to Superintendent Keith Ruble, was based on the economic untenability of keeping the recreation center open. Several fiscal factors were brought forth by Ruble at the meeting.

The expense of heating, plumbing and roofing the structure following a second severe winter were cited, as was the cost of salaried personnel to supervise activities. But perhaps the greatest cost was to repair the damage done by vandals. The Lost Creek Township building has been a favorite target of criminal mischief both from without and within since the building was given to the Park Board by the Vigo County School Corporation in 1973.

Less than 100 people attended the meeting to voice their opinions concerning the decision to raze the structure, the small turnout greatly effected no doubt by the 4 p.m. starting time of the gathering. Those who were able to attend were quite vocal, however.

As is often the case in such public gatherings, the meeting at times degenerated to a shouting match and a personal vendetta against members of the board. Still, cooler heads prevailed in the end and several worthwhile suggestions were put forth by some of the almost 2,000 people who signed a petition to preserve the center.

A proposal put forth by the board would involve the use of federal revenue sharing funds to renovate the newer part of the facility which currently houses an area for senior citizens' use. The matching funds (75-25) can be used for buildings used only by senior citizens, however; none of the monies could be used to preserve the basketball court and other sections of the building.

State Representative Darryl Felling noted that approximately $2,000,000 was available through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Though the money is primarily for outdoor facilities, Felling said, the portion of the county budget now allocated for outdoor use could be transferred to indoor use.

Felling further urged the Park Board to grant a 90-day delay to allow him and other interested persons to investigate "every source available" for the money necessary to finance the center.

One man suggested that the building be sold.

According to the statements of several people at the meeting, the recreation center is the only place for senior citizens to meet. Further, it is the last remaining indoor recreation facility in the county. What is needed, said one man, is not just a facility for senior citizens but a place "from birth to death."

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Delay Razing Glenn Center For 90 Days

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In the rising turmoil surrounding the possible closing of Glenn Recreation Center, Vigo Circuit Court Judge Hugh McQuillian has asked the Vigo County Park and Recreation Department to curtail any further action until the Lost Creek Township trustees have their day in court.

In a letter, sent by Judge McQuillan to the VCPRD Superintendent, Keith Ruble and the board members, he stated that many elderly people of the Lost Creek Township were upset by the ruling to close down the center.

Last month, the county park board voted 3-1, with one abstention and one member absent, to tear down the school and gymnasium.

State Representative Darrell E. Felling of Terre Haute also asked the board to delay any action for 90 days. He said he plans to appeal to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and other agencies to seek support for the center.

The Glenn Center, which is one of the dining sites for the Senior Citizens Nutrition Program, received $3,000 from the township's federal revenue sharing fund for general repairs and maintenance. And with some of the extra money, furniture and equipment for senior citizens' rooms and bleachers for the ball diamonds were constructed.

And nearly $5,000 might be available for the center this coming year, according to Township Trustee Lloyd Baker.

The future of Glenn Center will come up for more discussion at the park board's meeting there at 4 p.m. Monday, April 24. Raker said that petitions bearing from 500 to 1,000 names will be presented, asking the board to save the buildings.

Superintendent Ruble will present additional information to the board on operating expenses of Glenn Center, along with estimates on renovation for several parts of the facility.

It will cost an estimated $40,000 to renovate the gymnasium, due to vandalism and heat loss while demolition of the buildings is also estimated at $40,000.

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Glenn Center gains support

Parks & Recreation (Vigo)

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By CAROLYN TOOPS
Tribune Staff Writer

Lost Creek Township residents want to keep Glenn Recreation Center. They told the Vigo County Park and Recreation Board so in no uncertain terms Monday afternoon during a two-hour public hearing conducted by County Park Superintendent Keith Ruble.

The county park board announced last month that it planned to raze the building which has housed the recreation facility since 1973.

At the outset, Ruble detailed the history of the center and the problems of maintenance, operation, vandalism, declining attendance and the high cost of keeping the facility going.

Ruble has recommended to the park board that the "back room," used as a dining site for the senior citizens nutrition program, be saved, along with the shower facilities installed in the mid-1960s.

The Vigo County School Corporation turned over the old Glenn School to the Vigo County park system in 1973. The frozen tax rate, established that same year, has seriously hampered the park department from obtaining sufficient funds to operate and maintain its county park facilities, Ruble pointed out.

There is money available to assist Glenn Center, according to Jean Cox, director of West Central Indiana Economic Development District Programs for the elderly, and Darrell E. Felling, 50th District State Representative.

The Title V federal money is on a 75-25 per cent match, Cox said. The "strings" require a multipurpose program for senior citizens. The match could be partly in kind or in cash.

Felling said some $2 million is available from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation (administered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources) on a 50-50 match. These funds must be used for outdoor recreation facilities.

Felling urged the park board to "explore every possible alternative" to obtain money to keep Glenn Center going.

Fewer than 100 people turned out for the public hearing. Several complained about the 4 p.m. starting time. The park board will consider the input provided when they meet in regular monthly session next Monday, May 1 at 4 p.m. at the American Red Cross building.

Lost Creek Township Trustee Lloyd Baker collected from 1,500 to 2,000 signatures on petitions urging that all or part of the Glenn buildings be saved.

Several persons were highly critical of the way Glenn Center has been run and demanded Ruble's removal as superintendent.

Three members of the Vigo County Council attended the session

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GLENN REC CENTER SUPPORTERS PROTEST CLOSING

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With no money to raze it and no money to renovate it, the Glenn Recreation Center continues to deteriorate. A public meeting last Monday probably only muddied the waters more.

Arguments of nearly two dozen speakers out of a rowdy crowd of 200 left park department superintendent Keith Ruble unconvinced, Ruble told The Spectator the following day. He described building deterioration as an "unending cancer." Ruble said "We're spread too thin." He maintained the building is too large to maintain. A new furnace would cost at least $10,000, he said.

But some people grew irritated over the amount spent for salaries. The full-time director collects $8500 with another $10,000 for part-time help. A hastily-prepared operating expense sheet done by the park department overstated salaries by $1500, Ruble said. The sheet included some other curious items. Some $3,000 of revenue sharing money given to the center by trustee Lloyd Baker was listed in the operating expense column. The second largest item--$10,000--was attributed to "hidden costs" such as professional laborers. The budget for Glenn Center totalled more than $50,000 according to these figures.

State representative Darrell Felling, reacting to more than 30 calls in favor of saving the center, called for a 90-day delay on the decision to tear down the structure. He said more than $2 million in state matching funds were available. Jean Cox of West Central Economic Development District noted federal 75-25 matching funds were available to renovate part of the facility into a senior citizens center.

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Delay razing of Glenn center

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Parks & Recreation, Vigo Co.

Vigo County's Park Board unanimously voted to delay razing the Glenn Recreation Center for 90 days at a meeting Monday afternoon.

The decision is a victory for citizens of Lost Creek Township who oppose the demolition of the structure.

Darrell E. Felling, in an April 4 letter, initially requested the delay.

Opposition was voiced at a public hearing April 24 at the center, located at U.S. 40 and Chamberlain Road. Citizens urged the board to keep the center open.

The board, however, contends increased costs are leading them to consideration to close it.

The 90-day delay is to allow time to investigate alternative courses of action. One reported suggestion involves taking down part of the building, leaving the gymnasium and senior citizens center.

Felling reportedly indicated such a move would cut costs in half.

Another option is turning the center over to Lost Creek Township for use as a community center.

Another public meeting is scheduled for mid-May and interested residents are urged to attend.

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County Park Board Votes Delay On Razing Center

Parks and Recreation (Vigo Co.)

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By M. W. RUSSELL
Star Staff Writer

Citizens of Lost Creek Township won a crucial battle in their war to keep open the Glenn Recreation Center.

The Vigo County Park Board, with all menbers present, voted unanimously Monday afternoon to postpone for 90 days its decision to raze the facility located at U.S. 40 and Chamberlain Road. State Representative Darrell E. Felling, in an April 4 letter to the board, had initially asked for the delay.

The board action was in response even more, however, to a spirited and vocal public hearing conducted April 24 at the center. Citizens at the time expressed their concern and desire to keep the center in operation. Increased financial considerations were cited as the reason for the board's earlier decision to raze the structure.

The 90-day postponement is to allow individuals and groups ample time to investigate alternative courses of action. One suggestion would involve tearing down just a part of the building, leaving the gynnasium and the senior citizens center. Such action, Felling told The Star, would result in expenses at the center being cut almost in half.

Another viable option, Felling said, would be to allow the local Lost Creek Township citizens to take over the building for use as a community center for the township.

A public meeting will scheduled for mid-May to discuss the future of the center. Interested persons are urged to attend, Felling said.

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Pimento parents ask for building

Schools (Vigo Co.)

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By ROB ALLEN
Tribune Staff Writer

Pimento Elementary School is to be vacated after a new south county elementary school is built, but residents in the area want to keep the facility as a recreation center instead of just closing it down.

However, chances of seeing that happen are slim at best, observers predict.

Letters have been sent to Vigo County School Corp. Superintendent Harmon Baldwin and Vigo County Park and Recreation Department Superintendent Keith Ruble seeking "advice and help" in maintaining the school building as a recreation center.

The problem, though — as with the Glenn Recreation Center, which faces possible termination — is money.

"They sent us a letter asking if the building could be turned over to the Park Department," Ruble said. "We would like to see that happen, but with the frozen tax rate, we're at our limits now. We can't get any additional funding."

Ruble agreed the Pimento area needs a recreational or playground area, but taking on the maintainance of the school building "is too large an expense for the money we have."

Ruble indicated, the Park and Recreation Department could put in a play ground area. "We have the staff and money to do that," he said. "But, I'm afraid if we took on the school, we'd have the same situation we have with the Glenn Recreation Center now."

Baldwin said he has responded to the letter from Pimento residents and "we would be pleased to cooperate any way that we could."

Baldwin said any transfer of the property would have to be to another county-wide organization like the Park Department.

"We have acknowledged their interest and now it is matter of what the law will allow," Baldwin said.

He added that there has been no other request for the property and there are only two other options besides transferring the property to another county agent.

One is holding on to the property and the other is having it appraised and advertising for its sale.

"We have better than a year to wait," Baldwin said about when the school is to be closed. "We'll see what happens."

Ground breaking ceremonies for the new south county elementary is slated for June 14.

Darrell Roundtree, Pimento principal, said area residents use the school facility a great deal. "It's always being used," Roundtree said. "And I'm sure it will be missed."

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Felling plans public hearing on Glenn Center

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State Rep. Darrell E. Felling (D-Terre Haute) has scheduled a public meeting for all interested citizens and organizations regarding the attempt to preserve the Glenn Recreation Center.

The Glenn gymnasium will be the site of the 7:30 p.m. meeting on Tuesday, May 23. Felling requested the Vigo County Park Board to postpone demolition of the facility during its May 1 meeting. The board agreed to a 90-day postponement.

"The purpose of this meeting," Felling said, "is to review our options and alternatives to make a proposal or two to the Park Board so that we can keep our Center. Our success will depend on the community supporting us and everyone is invited to attend this meeting."

Felling indicated that persons wanting more information should contact him at his Terre Haute office.

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County park board discusses Glenn Center, master plan

Parks & Recreation (Vigo Co)

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By CAROLYN TOOPS
Tribune Staff Writer

Lengthy discussions on the future of Glenn Recreation Center and on the comprehensive master plan now being updated occupied members of the Vigo County Park and Recreation Board at their regular monthly meeting Monday afternoon at the American Red Cross Building.

The board is holding off on any action to tear down some or all of the buildings at Glenn, pending the outcome of a 7:30 p.m. public meeting Tuesday conducted at the center by State Rep. Darrell E. Felling to determine citizen interest in preserving the facility.

Park Board president Max G. Miller had summarized the board's position on Glenn Center earlier Monday for the Vigo County Council.

"We are the first to recognize the importance of Glenn, one of seven sites operated by the county park system," Miller stressed, "and we agree, philospophically, that it should continue. But the problems are financial."

Miller noted that the five-year comprehensive master plan, to be completed by June 30, places top priority on multi-purpose outdoor recreational facilities, with continued emphasis on rural recreation in small communities which are losing their schools.

County park superintendent Keith Ruble stressed the need for planning for recreational areas in the new subdivisions being developed in Vigo County. The park board will suggest to the Area Plan Commission that the subdivision control ordinance include a provision requiring developers to allow some "open space" for recreation in their plans.

Assistant superintendent Chet Burkeybyle reported "no major problems" at Fowler Park resulting from the weekend use of campground by several hundred American Indians marching to Washington, D.C.

Ruble reported briefly on prospects for obtaining a park site in the northern part of the county. Up to $288,000 is available through the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, administered through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, he said. The 50 percent local match would come from the park department's non-reverting capital fund.

To be eligible for the federal funds, the local department has to have its master plan and application on file with DNR by Sept. 1, Ruble said.

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Time element considered for saving Glenn Center

Parks & Recreation, Vigo Co.

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By CAROLYN TOOPS
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"Time is of the essence" in local efforts to save Glenn Recreation Center, Darrell E. Felling, chairman of the "Save Glenn Center" group said Monday.

Concerned citizens who banded together several weeks ago to investigate alternatives and options for continuing the operation of the facility (the old Glenn School) will meet Tuesday night at Glenn Center to hear several subcommittee reports. The session begins at 7:30 p.m. and is open to all interested persons, Felling said.

"We'll try to draw some conclusions and come up with several alternatives to present to the Vigo County Park and Recreation Board at its meeting Monday, June 26," Felling explained.

Several months ago, the county park board announced plans to tear down the buildings at Glenn and provide mainly outdoor recreational programs. Higher costs for maintenance and operation, plus the freeze on tax levies, caused the board to take this position.

Felling agrees operation of a recreation center is outside the park board's area and financially it cannot be sustained. He believes a transition period is necessary if the center is to be turned over to another government unit (Lost Creek Township, for example) or to a not-for-profit corporation.

Proposals to save all or a part of Glenn Center from the wrecking ball must be made immediately, because the deadline for preparing 1979 budgets is fast approaching.

At Tuesday's meeting, Lloyd Baker is scheduled to report on the estimated operating costs and staff needed for the next year.

Jean Cox will present information on costs of renovating the front part of the building for a senior citizens center (some federal funds are available on a 75/25 percent match).

Mike Dragon will report on prospects and costs of saving the gymnasium part only and Betty Tucker will discuss rehabilitation and uses of the newer part of the building.

The county park board had asked for $50,000 from federal revenue sharing funds for demolition of Glenn buildings. That request was tabled by the County Council last month, but may come up again at the council's July 10 session.

Meanwhile, concerned citizens, most from Lost Creek Township, are attempting to find some way to keep the center going.

Felling and vice chairman Baker of the "Save Glenn Center" group said they've been pleased with the turnout at last month's meetings and hope for a good crowd Tuesday night.

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Lost Creek folks want Glenn Center

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By CAROLYN TOOPS
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Residents of Lost Creek Township, anxious to preserve and maintain Glenn Recreation Center, voted Tuesday night to ask the Vigo County Park and Recreation Board to turn over the entire facility to the Lost Creek Township trustee on Oct. 1, 1978.

They will also ask the Vigo County Council at its July 10 meeting to appropriate $25,000 from federal revenue sharing funds for renovation of the buildings.

Under the proposal adopted almost unanimously by approximately 50 people at the Tuesday night meeting, a Glenn Community Center Board would be named to oversee the continued operation of the facility.

Darrell E. Felling, leader of the local efforts to save Glenn Center, commented Wednesday that he's "certainly more optimistic now" about prospects for Glenn Center.

"We're getting something done," Lost Creek Township Trustee Lloyd Baker, vice chairman of the "Save Glenn Center" group, agrees.

Cold, hard financial facts were presented by several subcommittees which have been investigating costs of various options to keep the center operating. The county park board announced plans several months ago to tear down the buildings, citing increasingly higher costs of operation and maintenance. The park board proposed conducting primarily outdoor recreation activities on the 11-acre site of the former Glenn School.

The Glenn group will ask the Vigo County Commissioners to present a $25,000 request from revenue sharing to the County Council next month. Deadline for submitting requests for the council call is June 13.

County Council President Paul Newton, who attended the Tuesday night meeting, indicated his support and offered his help.

Some of the repairs can be accomplished with donated labor and materials from the piping industry, the group learned.

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Citizens Continue Fight For Glenn Center

Parks and Recreation (Vigo Co)

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The crusade to save the Glenn Recreation Center took a step closer to fruition Tuesday evening as citizens of Lost Creek Township prepared to take the battle to the door of the Vigo County Parks and Recreation Board.

Armed with almost incredible estimates for the cost to repair the facility, the group led by Darrell Felling will appeal to the park board to request of the county commissioners a total just short of $28,000. The group had planned to meet with the park board June 26, but that date would be too late for the purposes of advertising its request for the money. The board can call a meeting of the executive board and either approve or disapprove the appeal from the group.

The $27,980 figure estimated by the group is without the addition of operational costs but includes:

— $12,950 to either raze or repair the older, corner building. This figure was obtained from the Dennis Trucking Company and is almost one-fourth the amount which was earmarked by the county to raze the entire center.

— $2,500 to repair the boiler. A possible donation of labor and materials from the piping industry would eliminate this cost altogether.

— $3,500 to permanently seal off the third floor of the building attached to the gymnasium.

— $1,500 to make the restrooms accessible from the outside.

— $2,500 to seal the windows in the unused section.

— $1,500 to repair the roof.

— $780 to repair broken windows.

— $500 to disconnect electrical service to the third floor.

— $2,250 to close off the balcony in the gymnasium.

An additional $25-26,000, which could be made available through federal funding for the exclusive use by senior citizens, would further renovate the facility.

"This list is not anything close to being complete," Felling said cautiously at the meeting. "Some of the incidentals have not been considered.

"But if we can just get the heating problem solved," he said, "I think we've got half of the battle licked."

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Proposal for Glenn Center goes before Vigo Park Board

Parks + Recreation (Vigo Co)

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The Citizens Committee to Save the Glenn Recreation Center was to present its "Proposition 9" to the Vigo County Park and Recreation Board Monday afternoon.

Proposals were to include a transfer of the entire facility to the citizens group on Aug. 1 through either a not-for-profit corporation or the Lost Creek Township trustee, and financial support during the three-month interim period from Aug. 1 through Oct. 31, 1978.

Several months ago the county park department announced it planned to tear down the buildings at Glenn Center and provide primarily outdoor recreation activities on the 12-acre site.

The high costs of operation and maintenance of the facility, the old Glenn School, as well as the frozen tax rate, prompted the county park board to take this action, Superintendent Keith Ruble explained.

Concerned citizens, led by Terre Haute attorney Darrell E. Felling and Lost Creek Township trustee Lloyd Baker, banded together following a May 1 meeting, and have been investigating options and alternatives for continuing the operation of the facility.

Felling deliverded a copy of Proposition 9 to Max G. Miller, park board president, last Friday.

Felling said he is hopeful that the park board will transfer Glenn Center to the citizens committee as the first step in preserving the program and continuing the operation of the center, to be known as the Glenn Community Center.

The second step, financial support from the county during the transition period, is also imperative, Felling noted. That will require the "utmost cooperation" from the park board, the county commissioners and county council, Felling added.

Other items in Proposition 9 include:

— Park board provide and pay maintenance and group services through October 1978, and all bills connected with the center during the three-month interim period.

— Park board provide and pay for a temporary salary for one full-time and one part-time person to be hired by the citizens group to operate the ongoing program and establish the 1978-1979 fall and winter programs.

— County Council and commissioners approve a budget request of $3,500 to match federal monies through the Title V program (for senior citizens).

— Council and commissioners allocate about $25,000 from federal revenue sharing funds for renovation of the center and for operating costs incurred after Oct. 31, 1978.

— Park board not to remove any fixtures and leave as much equipment and other necessary operating items that may reasonably be provided.

The County Park and Recreation Board had asked a $50,000 appropriation from federal revenue sharing money for demolition of the center. The County Council took no action at its May 22 meeting, pending further developments, and is expected to hear either the reinstated request for demolition or half that amount as proposed by the citizens group.

The citizens group also proposes that the county park board assist them by paying the first year's premium for fire, accident and liability insurance.

The County Park Board will also take up several other agenda items at its Monday afternoon meeting at the American Red Cross Building. These include staff salaries for 1979.

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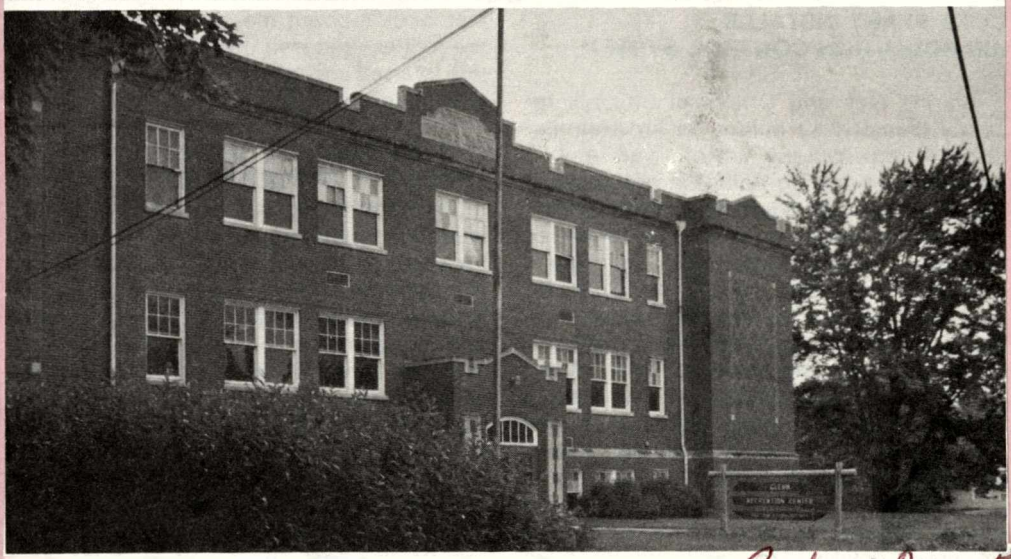

FELLING SUPPORTS CITIZENS IN BATTLE FOR REC CENTER Parks + Recreation Vigo

State Representative Darrell Felling is marshalling forces to save Glenn Recreation Center east of the city.

The Vigo County Park Board took under advisement during a June 26 meeting a proposal to transfer the center and its 12 acres to a not-for-profit citizens group or the Lost Creek Township trustee. The takeover would occur August 1.

The board would probably delight in unloading the facility. After more than five years of ownership the park board is frustrated in efforts to repair the aging facility. Demolition would cost more than $50,000. Even the school board during a recent session refused to take back the former school. Community ownership of Glenn Center would solve many of the park board's problems.

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However, Felling has attached some strings to his request for transfer of ownership. He asks a total $28,000 to repair the building. The board would be asked to pay salaries and expenses during a three month interim period through the end of October. The board would also pay insurance premiums through 1979, according to Felling.

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Glenn Center agreement reached

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Agreement was reached Monday by the Vigo County Park and Recreation Board and the Citizens Committee to Save Glenn Recreation Center on terms of the transfer of the property on Oct. 1 to the office of the Lost Creek Township Trustee.

Under the amended agreement, the citizens' group will operate the facility, the old Glenn School, in good faith, for a two-month period beginning Aug. 1. The transfer of title would be on Oct. 1, provided sufficient funds can be obtained for the operation of the center.

The citizens' group, headed by Darrell E. Felling, has scheduled a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Glenn Center to discuss future plans and to elect an advisory board to work with Township Trustee Lloyd Baker in operating and managing the center.

Felling and members of the County Park Board hammered out several points during a lengthy session Monday afternoon at the American Red Cross Building.

Several months ago the park board announced it planned to tear down the buildings at Glenn, and to conduct outdoor activities at the 12-acre site.

High operation and maintenance costs prompted the board to make this decision. Citizens reacted quickly, and have been making determined efforts to save the facility.

Felling was realistic, however. He told the park board: "We're sincere. We want to operate the center. But there are two contingencies we can't control. If there's no reasonable sum of money available, then we can't do it."

The citizens' group hopes to obtain a grant for a Title 5 program for senior citizens. Though the Vigo County Council has approved a $3,500 match, the status of the application for 75 percent federal funding is still in limbo, and won't be known until early September.

Also, the group hopes to obtain $25,000 from federal revenue sharing monies appropriated by the County Council to operate and maintain the center after Oct. 1, 1978.

The citizens' committee will undertake fund-raising efforts when concrete plans for the changeover have been worked out, Felling said.

Baker is to be chairman of the advisory group, a 15-member body, with seven members from Lost Creek Township, and seven from the county.

In the event Glenn Center is not used for recreational purposes, the property would revert back from the township trustee to the county park board, under terms of the agreement.

The Park Board's attorney must approve the document before it is signed by the parties.

Other areas of agreement reached after lengthy discussion involved the Park Board's providing staff for the two-month interim period and maintenance and operational costs not to exceed $2,000.

Also, insurance on Glenn Center is to be continued by the Park Board for the five-month period Aug. 1 through Dec. 31, 1978.

The citizens' group plans to hire one full-time and one part-time person Aug. 1, with approval of Su perintendent Keith Ruble. These staff members would work with Betty Alcorn, recreation director of the County Park Department, for the next two months, in planning fall and winter programs at Glenn Center.

Susan McCarthy conducted Monday's meeting in the absence of Max G. Miller, president. Others attending were John Etling, Fox Burns and Bill Thompson. Burch Harlan and Miller were unable to attend.

Board members will are expected to approve the 1979 park budget later this week. The salary schedule was approved at the June meeting.

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Save Glenn Center group signs transfer document

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The Save Glenn Center Committee has signed an agreement to transfer the Glenn Recreation Center from the Vigo County Park and Recreation Board to the office of the Lost Creek Township Trustee.

The document was signed Tuesday night by Darrell E. Felling, chairman of the Save Glenn committee and by Lost Creek Township Trustee Lloyd Baker

Though the county park board approved the agreement at its meeting Monday, it has not yet been signed by Max G. Miller, park board president.

The Glenn group has agreed to accept responsibility for operating the center, effective Aug. 1. The title transfer would take place on Oct. 1, provided reasonable funding for the operation and maintenance of the center can be worked out.

The county park board has agreed to pay operating expenses up to $2,000 during the transition period, and will maintain park department employees at the center until Aug. 1. Also the park board will pay fire, accident, and liability insurance premiums through Dec. 31.

The decision to ratify the agreement was unanimous, Felling said. Following that decision, the group organized into an interim governing board to work with Baker's office.

The Lost Creek Trustee is the automatic chairman of the 15-member advisory board which will operate and manage the center Felling was named first vice chairman; Rita Keller, second vice chairman; Betty Tucker, secretary, and Jim Giffel, treasurer.

Seven members will be from Lost Creek Township, and seven from the rest of the county. Lost Creek representatives are: Charles and Betty Tucker, Rita Keller, Kraeg Sandburg, Don Davis, Charles Fuhrer, and Jim Giffel.

Vigo County representatives are: Fern Giffel, Dan Walker, George Reedy, Jean Cox, Pat Gish, Susan McCarthy and Bob Seltzer. Alternates are Dick Brokaw, Mike Dragon, Pat Keller and Elden Summers.

Felling became the leader of local efforts to save the center several months ago after the park board announced it planned to tear down the buildings because of high operating and maintanance costs.

Following Tuesday night's meeting, Felling said the group was "enthusiastic, ready, willing and able" to tackle the job.

He said he was hopeful the two-month interim period "will give us a chance to get some experience in running the center."

A general board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 31. The four committees established Tuesday night will report.

The committees include:

— Membership. A membership drive is scheduled for August and an election for advisory board posts in December.

— Fund raising. The Terre Haute and Lost Creek Jaycees put up "front money" to purchase the outdoor concession stand, which the citizens committee will begin operating next week. A Disco dance, bingo and Kiddie Carnival are among the events planned.

— Operation/Personnel. Committee will hire one full time and one part time person, who will work with Betty Alcorn, recreation director for the county park department, in setting up fall and winter programs.

— Physical Plant. Committee to secure bids for renovation andr demolition. A "labor Day" work day to be scheduled in September for volunteers to paint, clean, etc.

The citizens group hopes to receive about $25,000 from federal revenue sharing funds from the Vigo County Council before Oct. 1 to assure continued operation of the center. Application for additional funds to match a $3,500 grant through the Title 5 program for senior citizens in also in the works.

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Glenn group to begin drive to raise funds

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The "Save Glenn Center" Committee has scheduled a meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Center, 6835 Wabash Ave., to begin a fund raising and membership drive to obtain funds to keep the facility operating.

Betty Tucker, secretary of the "Save Glenn Center" Committee, said that membership fees for adults will be $10 per year and children's memberships will be less. The citizens' efforts to save the center from the wrecking ball have, over the past few months, resulted in an agreement with the Vigo County Park and Recreation Board to transfer the property to the office of the Lost Creek Township trustee on Oct. 1, 1978. Trustee Lloyd Baker will have the responsibility for operating the recreation center, and will be assisted by a 15-member advisory board.

In announcing Monday night's meeting, Tucker noted: "We need members who are interested in saving the center and who will help keep it in good running condition."

She heads the fund raising efforts, which have already gotten under way. The citizens' group has taken over the concession stand. Lost Creek Jaycees will put on regular Tuesday night Bingo games, beginning Aug. 8, and a Disco Dance is planned for Friday, Aug. 25.

Fern Giffel, chairman of the membership committee, will discuss plans for the membership drive.

Tucker stressed that Glenn Center is "not just for people in the area, but for all county residents."

The volunteers have agreed to assume responsibility for operating the Center, effective Aug. 1. The title transfer will take place Oct. 1, provided reasonable funding for operation and maintenance can be worked out.

The county park department has agreed to pay operating expenses during the transition period Aug. 1 to Oct. 1.

In addition to the membership and fund raising committees, two other committees — operation, chaired by Lloyd Baker, and physical plant, Charles Fuhrer, chairman — are also expected to present brief reports at the Monday night meeting.

Several months ago the county park board announced it planned to tear down the buildings at Glenn Center because of rising operation and maintenance costs, and to operate outdoor recreations programs at Glenn.

Citizens rallied to save the facility, and are willing to give it a try. Darrell E. Felling led efforts to save Glenn Center, which have resulted in an agreement between the Glenn group and the park board.

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Glenn Recreation Center has management change

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Efforts by a citizens' group to save Glenn Recreation Center from the wrecking ball have resulted in a change of management, effective Aug. 1.

The Vigo County Park and Recreation Board has turned over operation of the facility to the office of Lost Creek Township Trustee Lloyd Baker, who will be assisted by a 15-member advisory committee.

If all goes well, and the "Save Glenn Center" group can obtain reasonable funding for operation of the facility, the title would be transferred on Oct. 1.

The Glenn volunteers hope to obtain a CETA grant for salaries of staff and an appropriation of $25,000 from federal revenue sharing funds for operational expenses.

The Planning Council of the Vigo County Bureau of Employment and Training is expected to consider the application for a Title VI CETA grant at its meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 16, and the Vigo County Council the revenue sharing request at a meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Monday night the "Save Glenn" group began its membership drive. Some 40 persons signed up, according to Baker. Membership is open to any person and voting privileges will be based on membership. Those 13 years old and older will be able to vote for the 14-member governing body (the township trustee is automatic chairman and 15th member).

Memberships for those ages 13-17 will be $2, 18-64 will be $5, and 65 years and over, $2.

No membership will be necessary for persons wishing to use the facility, however.

During the interim period from Aug. 1 to Oct. 1, Pat Keller will serve as director of Glenn Center on a full-time basis, and George Reedy will work part-time. Both will work under the County Park department during this two-month period.

In addition to the membership drive, several other fund-raising activities are being planned and scheduled at Glenn Center in the coming weeks.

The citizens' group has scheduled another meeting for Thursday, Aug. 17 at 8 p.m.

"We should know by then the prospects of getting the CETA grant," Baker explained. Once funding is assured, the group can then proceed with plans to expand the parking lot and begin exterior and interior repair work at the Center.

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DISCUSSING REC CENTER PLANS — A group of eastern Vigo County residents met Monday night to discuss plans for the future of Glenn Recreation Center. The citizens' committee gains control of the center Tuesday, taking over from the Vigo County Park Department. Shown here are, seated, Rita Keller, second vice president; Darrel Felling, first vice president, and Loyd Baker, president. Standing, Betty Tucker, secretary, and Jim Giffel, treasurer. (Star Photo: Kadel)

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Wrecking ball sidetracked at Glenn Recreation Center

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Lost Creek Township Trustee Lloyd Baker, who will be assisted by a 15-member advisory committee, has assumed operations responsibilities for the Glenn Recreation Center.

Title of the Glenn Recreation Center will be transferred from the Vigo County Park and Recreation Department to the township trustee October 1, if the "Save Glenn Center" group of volunteers can obtain reasonable funding for operation of the facility.

Talk is, — the group in addition to an extensive membership drive, has several fund raising activities planned. In addition to other initiatives the volunteers are aiming toward a CETA grant for staff salaries and revenue sharing funds for operational expenses.

Salute, — to a concerned group of citizens and their leaders, — concerned enough that they have and are working hard to keep the wrecking ball from the facility and further, concerned enough to plan and act for an upgraded Glenn Recreation Center for the betterment and enjoyment of all members, visitors and citizens in general.

Apparently no apathy here.

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Glenn Center saved from wrecking ball

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Recent efforts to save the Glenn Recreation Center from the wrecking ball culminated Sunday in the transfer of the facility from the Vigo County Park and Recreation Board to the Lost Creek Township office.

Park board members John Etling and Susan McCarthy presented the building keys to Lloyd Baker, Lost Creek trustee, during ceremonies Sunday afternoon. The deed to the property will be turned over to the trustee's office after the Vigo County School Corp.'s board of trustees signs a resolution.

That will complete the paper work necessary for the transfer, Etling said.

The facility has been run by volunteers, working with the trustee's office since Aug. 1. An advisory group of 15, headed by Baker, has taken over the operation of the center to aid the community.

Citizens concerned over the park department's plans to raze the buildings and operate primarily outdoor recreation programs at Glenn, banded together under the leadership of Darrell E. Felling and succeeded in their efforts to "Save Glenn Center."

Baker noted the outstanding efforts of volunteers, among them Pat Keller and Pete Gallahger, who served month-long stints as director.

The "structural change" in local government which became effective Sunday is believed to be the first of its kind in Vigo County.

Felling commented that it was encouraging to see local persons and local governments get together to cooperate and solve their problems.

"It demonstrates that we can respond to an emergency situation and proves how valuable the efforts of volunteers can be," Felling said.

"I'm elated at the success in preserving the center," Felling said.

He and Baker pointed out the help from the county park board, the county commissioners and county council, as well as the CETA program, which provided help for painting the gym and downstairs area.

Volunteers have conducted a series of fund raising programs to obtain money to pay current bills. The county council has signed a letter of intent to appropriate $25,000 from the county general fund during a session Friday.

Application has been made for matching federal funds through the Title V senior citizens program to improve facilities at Glenn Center. A proposed 3-cent recreation levy for Lost Creek Township, residents of Seelyville and the Lost Creek Sanitary District will also help defray operating costs.

Sunday's ceremonies featured the Legion Cadet Band, a flag raising and a ribbon cutting. A flag that had flown over the U.S. Capitol was a gift of Sen. Birch Bayh, and presented by Susan McCarthy.

Fall programs and future plans for Glenn Center were outlined by Felling for those attending the transfer ceremonies.

Baker noted that the advisory committee has scheduled regular meetings the first Thursday of each month.

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Glenn Center proposal informally approved

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By CAROLYN TOOPS
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The Vigo County Park and Recreation Board, meeting Monday afternoon, gave informal approval to the idea of turning over the Glenn Recreation Center to a local citizens' group which proposes to continue the operation of the facility, the old Glenn School, "for the benefit and welfare of the community at large."

The four board members present deferred voting on the action until they have time for a more thorough study of "Proposition 9," which was presented by Darrell E. Felling, chairman of the Citizens Committee to Save Glenn Recreation Center.

The organization was formed about two months ago after the park board announced plans to demolish several buildings at Glenn Center and to operate primarily outdoor recreation facilities at the 12-acre site.

Proposition 9 includes a proposal to transfer the entire facility to the citizens' committee either through a not-for-profit corporation or through the Lost Creek Township trustee's office, as well as some financial assistance from the county for a three-month interim period (Aug. 1 through Oct. 31, 1978).

Felling said the citizens' group would discuss the most economical and most feasible way to make the transfer at a meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Glenn Recreation Center.

Comments from Monday's session were interpreted by Felling as a "consensus to proceed." Final action by the park board is expected at its next meeting on Monday, July 17.

"We have good, broad-based support for Glenn Center," Felling told the board, adding that the citizens' group hopes to get the the buildings fixed up by winter.

Increasingly higher costs for operation and maintenance of Glenn Center, along with a frozen tax rate, had prompted the board's decision to demolish the buildings and concentrate on outdoor recreation activities.

Other citizen input to the board came from four residents of Whitcomb Heights, who presented petitions asking for a small neighborhood park on U.S. 150 west of West Terre Haute. At the suggestion of board president Max G. Miller, the group agreed to return with information about the size of the site, ownership, and items they would like to see in the park.

Superintendent Keith Ruble reported on both the comprehensive master plan and on short-term projects completed or underway this year.

Ruble said bids were opened Monday on several HUD-funded projects. These include Wabash Valley Asphalt, $13,195 for a multipurpose court at Lee Fields Park (old Concannon School); Wabash Valley Asphalt, $1,225, resurfacing playground at the South Seventh Street park, West Terre Haute; and Creative Playground, $3,990.90 for equipment for the Sam Newport Park at Dresser.

Almost completed is installation of park equipment and play surface at the Prairieton Park, Ruble said. Workmen are in the process of installing steel grate s in front of the cabin doors at Fowler Park.

Ruble reported that the educational film for the Pioneer Village at Fowler Park has been completed in cooperation with Purdue University except for the narrative. It will be used extensively for school groups touring Fowler Park, beginning this fall.

Swimming and fishing at Fowler and Prairie Creek Parks were also discussed by the four board members present — Miller, Fox Burns, John Etling and Bill Thompson. Susan McCarthy and Burch Harlan were unable to attend the meeting.

Assistant park superintendent Chet Burkeybyle reported that additional antique furnishings for the cabins at Fowler Park have been purchased and should add to the upcoming Pioneer Days festival in October.

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Glenn Center opens Monday

Recreation (Vigo)

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The new Glenn Civic Center, 6835 Wabash Ave., has completed its refurbishing phase of the facility and is now ready to serve the public by offering a fall schedule for area citizens, according to a report from the center.

Arts, crafts, flower arranging classes, a dance studio, ceramics, meeting rooms, a teenage room and many more activities are available beginning Monday, the report states.

Disco dances are to be held once a week and Well Child clinics are set for every third Tuesday of each month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Senior citizens are served noon meals five days a week with games to follow.

League basketball games for youth, adult (men and women) are ready to start and tennis is still available for those interested.

Glenn Civic Center is said to be one of the largest non-profit civic centers in Vigo County, and possibly in the state.

The schedule begins Monday with oil painting classes from 1 to 3 p.m. and 6:30 to 7 p.m. The instructor is Mrs. Della Bender and a fee of $25 will be charged for the six-week class.

Flower arranging classes with Pam Miller will have a Senior Citizens class from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and additional classes from 7 to 8:30 p.m. There is a $10 fee for the six-week class plus a charge for supplies. League basketball practice is from 6 to 7 10 p.m.

Tuesday will feature Torner Girls' Club activities from 6 to 7 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. an oil painting class is scheduled. Basketball league games will be held from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

Wednesday a basketball league meeting is to be held at 7 p.m. with league qames from 6 30 to 10 p.m. Also, Thursday basketball is from 6:30 to 10 p.m. preceded by games for children from 4 to 6 p.m.

Saturday's schedule offers youth basketball from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and volleyball from 2 to 5 p.m.

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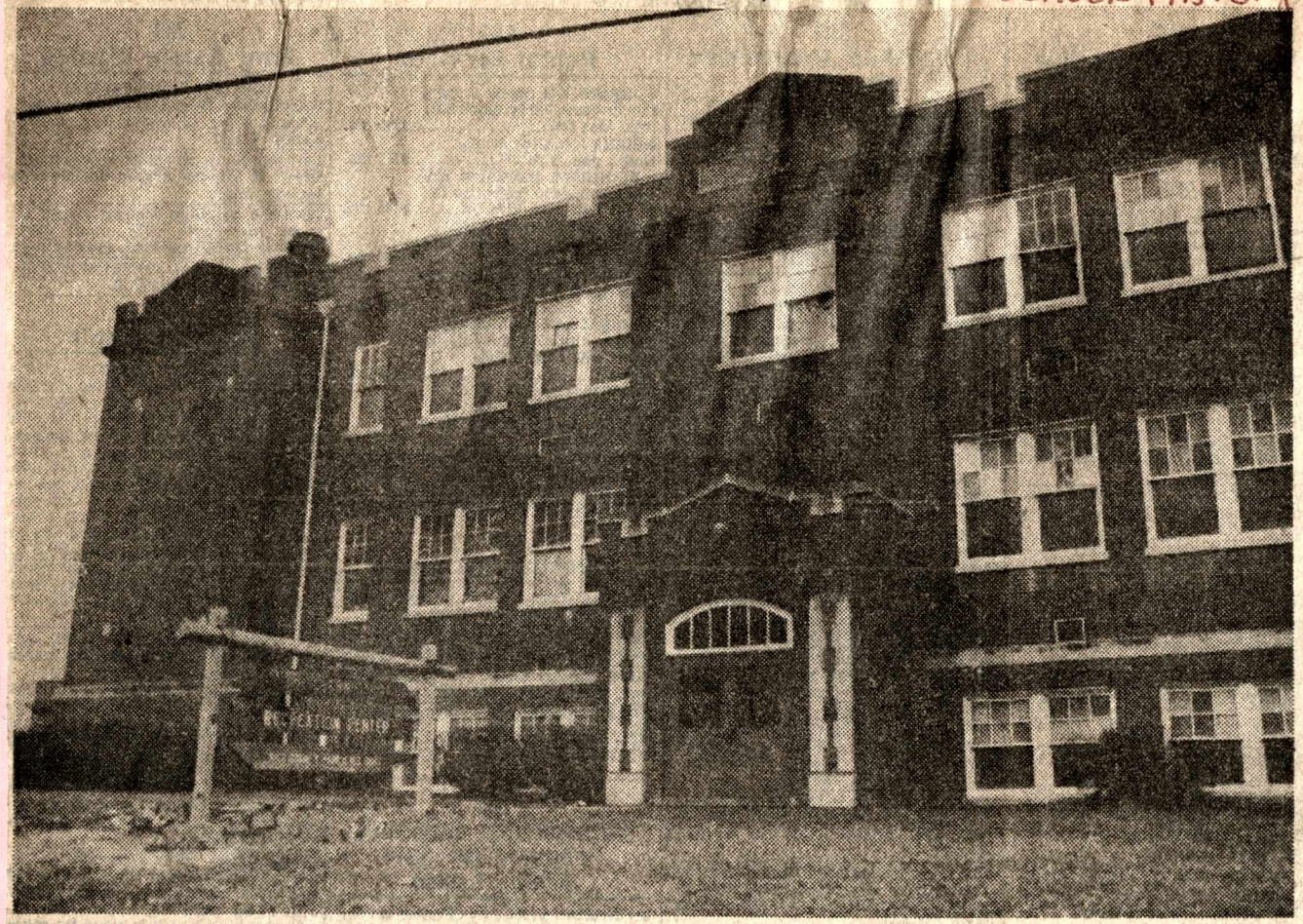

GLENN RECREATION CENTER — What does the future hold for this building? The question will be discussed again by members of the Vigo County Park and Recreation Board on Monday, April 24 at 4 p.m. at Glenn Center. Estimates for repairs, renovation and remodeling of all or several parts of the structure are to be presented by Superintendent Keith Ruble. Demolition costs to tear down everything but the gym and shower room are estimated at about $37,000. The boiler has been a source of increasing problems and expenses, particularly during the past two winters. Some persons wonder if the county can afford to keep on operating the center. Others think some of it is worth saving.

CRUMBLING MASONRY — Damage to Glenn Recreation Center was caused by relentless vandals trying to break in and is part of the problem faced by county officials. The Vigo County Park and Recreation Department has operated a recreation center at the old Glenn School since 1973.

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Glenn Center schedules holiday weekend events

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Glenn Center has scheduled a fund-raising event beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday which will include a chili supper, bingo, softball tournament and rummage sale.

The fund raiser continues Sunday at the center with a free country and western music show featuring Keith Reedy.

Glenn Center has been in operation for over a year under the direction of an advisory board. Many program are scheduled for the future, but funds are needed to continue the center's operation, according to reports. Staff salaries, some expenses and a few improvements will be paid for in CETA grants.

Community volunteers are being sought also to work on committees and center projects.

The public is invited to attend the monthly advisory board meetings which are conducted the first Thursday of each month at the center.

Rooms are available at the center for meetings, classes, family reunions, wedding receptions or offices. There is a full-equipped ceramics room available for classes as well.

Those interested in the activities at the center or who would like to volunteer as a worker may contact Pete Gallagher, executive administrator, or Ron Hicks, director of information.

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Glenn Center closed until damage fixed

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Lightning which struck and demolished smokestacks at Glenn Center shortly before 8 a.m. Monday has resulted in the temporary closing of the community and recreation center, according to Darrell E. Felling, chairman of the center's board.

Felling anticipates that the smokestacks will be removed and the debris cleared by next week, and that the center will be open again Aug. 4.

He emphasized that the present problem will not prevent the softball program from continuing. Activities which will be temporarily curtailed include senior citizens' programs and the day camp for children.

Felling urged the public and young people to stay away from the premises until the repairs are made.

Felling said a low bid of $3,200 has been received for the complete razing of the smokestacks, bricks from which came through the roof of the building and damaged windows. He noted there is insurance on the building which can possibly be used to settle the repairs.

But it will cost an estimated $5,000 to run a new electrical line before the center can be reopened, Felling said. He explained that the electrical service came through the old heating plant, of which the smokestacks were a part. A new heating system has been installed.

At present the center has no funds available for the rerouting of the electrical service, Felling said. Fund-raising activities set for Labor Day are expected to help defray the cost of the needed work. In addition, Felling indicated the center might seek funds from the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) program.

He reported a letter was sent to the Community Chest, but the burden will basically fall on the 600 members of the center.

Anyone wishing to donate can send contributions for the repairs to Glenn Center in care of the Terre Haute First National Bank, Seelyville.

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